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(54) Title: P450 MONOOXYGENASES OF THE CYP79 FAMILY

(57) Abstract: The invention provides DNA coding for cytochrome P450 monooxygenases of the CYP79 family catalyzing the conversion of an aliphatic or aromatic acid or chain-elongated methionine homologue to the corresponding oxime. Preferred embodiments of the invention are enzymes catalyzing the conversion of L-Valine and L-Isoleucine such as the cassava enzymes CYP79D1 and CYP79D2, enzymes catalyzing the conversion of tyrosine such as the *Triglochin maritima* enzymes CYP79E1 and CYP79E2, enzymes catalyzing the conversion of tryptophan to the corresponding oxime indole-3-acetaldoxime such as the *Arabidopsis thaliana* enzyme CYP79A2 and the *Bassica napus* enzyme CYP79B5, and enzymes catalyzing the conversion of a chain-elongated methionine homologue such as the *Arabidopsis thaliana* enzymes CYP79F1 and CYP79F2. Transgenic expression of said DNA or parts thereof in plants can be used to manipulate the biosynthesis of corresponding glucosinolates or cyanogenic glucosides.

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Cell Biol. 12: 1-51, 1993). Cytochrome P450s showing more than 55% identity belong to the same subfamily.

Glucosinolates are amino acid-derived, secondary plant products containing a sulfate and a thioglucose moiety. The occurrence of glucosinolates is restricted to the order Capparales and the genus *Drypetes* (Euphorbiales). *C. papaya* is the only known example of a plant containing both glucosinolates and cyanogenic glucosides. The order Capparales includes agriculturally important crops of the *Brassicaceae* family such as oilseed rape and *Brassica* forages and vegetables, and the model plant *Arabidopsis thaliana* L. Upon tissue damage, glucosinolates are rapidly hydrolyzed to biologically active degradation products.

Glucosinolates or rather their degradation products defend plants against insect and fungal attack and serve as attractants to insects that are specialized feeders on *Brassicaceae*. The degradation products have toxic as well as protective effects in higher animals and humans. Antinutritional effects such as growth retardation caused by consumption of large amounts of rape seed meal have an economical impact as they restrict the use of this protein-rich animal feed. Anticarcinogenic activity has been documented by pharmacological studies for several degradation products of glucosinolates, e.g. for sulforaphane, a degradation product of 4-methylsulfinylbutylglucosinolate from broccoli sprouts. Metabolic engineering of the biosynthetic pathways of glucosinolates allows to tissue-specifically regulate and optimize the level of individual glucosinolates to improve the nutritional value of a given crop. Besides their occurrence in *A. thaliana*, such glucosinolates are important constituents of *Brassica* crops and vegetables. For example, the major glucosinolate in *B. napus*, the goitrogenic 2-hydroxy-3-butenylglucosinolate, is formed by side-chain modification of 4-methylthiobutylglucosinolate. The occurrence of 2-hydroxy-3-butenylglucosinolate in *B. napus* restricts the use of the protein-rich seed cake as animal feed. Thus availability of biosynthetic genes has great potential for the development of crops with reduced levels of undesirable glucosinolates while retaining glucosinolates with desirable effects, e.g. for pest resistance.

To date, more than 100 different glucosinolates have been identified. They are grouped into aliphatic, aromatic, and indolyl glucosinolates, depending on whether they are derived from aliphatic amino acids, phenylalanine and tyrosine, or tryptophan. The amino acid often undergoes a series of chain elongations prior to entering the biosynthetic pathway, and the glucosinolate product is often subject to secondary modifications such as hydroxylations,

P450 CYP79B5 from *Brassica napus*. It shows that CYP79A2 catalyzes the conversion of L-phenylalanine to phenylacetaldoxime, CYP79B2 the conversion of tryptophan to indole-3-acetaldoxime, and CYP79F1 the conversion of chain-elongated methionine homologues such as e.g. homo-, dihomo-, trihomo-, tetrahomo-, pentahomo- and hexahomomethionine to their corresponding aldoximes. It further shows that transgenic *A. thaliana* expressing CYP79A2 or CYP79B2 under control of the CaMV35S promoter accumulate high levels of benzyl- or indoleglucosinolates, respectively, whereas transgenic *Arabidopsis thaliana* expressing CYPF1 can show cosuppression of CYPF1 with a reduced content of glucosinolates derived from chain-elongated methionine homologues and with highly increased levels of chain-elongated methionines such as e.g. dihomo- and trihomomethionine. The data are consistent with the involvement of CYP79A2, CYP79B2 and CYP79F1 in the glucosinolate biosynthesis in *A. thaliana*. The presence of an IAOX producing CYP79 in the biosynthesis of indoleglucosinolates is unexpected since no tryptophan-derived cyanogenic glucosides have been identified and a peroxidase activity has been described in the literature as being involved in indoleglucosinolate biosynthesis. Furthermore, indoleglucosinolates are the products of a recent evolutionary event and are present only in four families in the Capparales order, namely in *Brassicaceae*, *Resedaceae*, *Tovariaceae* and *Capparaceae*. Thus, the possible involvement of IAOX in the biosynthesis of both IAA and indoleglucosinolates would suggest that the nature of the enzyme catalyzing the conversion of tryptophan to IAOX is different from a CYP79 *N*-hydroxylase. The characterization of *CYP79B2* *in planta* as well as *in vitro* demonstrates, that oxime production by CYP79 proteins in the biosynthesis of glucosinolates is not restricted to those aromatic amino acids that are also precursors in cyanogenic glucoside biosynthesis. This shows that after diverging away from cyanogenic glucosides, CYP79 proteins developed a new substrate specificity. As a consequence thereof, it is expected that a number of cytochrome P450s of glucosinolate producing plants belonging to the CYP79 family, will turn out to catalyze oxime production from various precursor amino acids in glucosinolate biosynthesis.

Cassava, the most important tropical root crop, contains two cyanogenic glucosides, i.e. linamarin and lotaustralin, in all parts of the plant. Upon tissue disruption said glucosides are degraded with concomitant release of hydrogen cyanide. Acyanogenic cassava plants are not known and attempts to completely eliminate cyanogenic glucosides through breeding have not been successful. Thus, use of cassava products as staple food requires careful

- A DNA coding for a P450 monooxygenase converting an aliphatic or aromatic amino acid or chain-elongated methionine homologue, such as valine, leucine, isoleucine, cyclopentenylglycine, tyrosine, L-phenylalanine, tryptophan, dihomomethionine, trihomomethionine or tetrahomomethionine to the corresponding oxime;
- Said DNA coding for a P450 monooxygenase, wherein global alignment of the amino acid sequence of the encoded protein shows at least 40% identity to the amino acid sequence resulting from the global alignment with SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3 or both; SEQ ID NO: 39; or SEQ ID NO: 54 or SEQ ID NO: 70 or both; or at least 50% identity to the amino acid sequence resulting from the global alignment with SEQ ID NO: 9 or SEQ ID NO: 11 or both or SEQ ID NO: 74 or SEQ ID NO: 84 or both.
- Said DNA coding for a P450 monooxygenase having the formula $R_1-R_2-R_3$, wherein
 - R_1 , R_2 and R_3 designate component sequences, and
 - R_2 consists of 150 to 175 or more amino acid residues the sequence of which is at least 60% identical to an aligned component sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3; SEQ ID NO: 9 or SEQ ID NO: 11; SEQ ID NO: 54 or SEQ ID NO: 70; SEQ ID NO: 74 or SEQ ID NO: 84; or at least 65% identical to an aligned component sequence of SEQ ID NO: 39.
- A P450 monooxygenase converting an aliphatic or aromatic amino acid or a chain-elongated methionine homologue to the corresponding oxime;
- A method for the isolation of a cDNA coding for a P450 monooxygenase converting an aliphatic or aromatic amino acid or chain-elongated methionine homologue to the corresponding oxime;
- A method for producing purified recombinant P450 monooxygenase converting an aliphatic or aromatic amino acid or chain-elongated methionine homologue to the corresponding oxime; and
- A marker assisted breeding method using at least one oligonucleotide of at least 15 to 20 nucleotides length constituting a component sequence of the DNA according to the present invention, and
- A method for obtaining a transgenic plant comprising stably integrated into its genome DNA comprising at least part of an open reading frame of a P450 monooxygenase converting an aliphatic or aromatic amino acid or chain-elongated methionine homologue to the corresponding oxime. Dependent on the constructs used resulting plants show an altered content or profile of cyanogenic glucosides or glucosinolates.

The enzyme is specific for L-amino acids. It consists of amino acid residues independently selected from the group of the amino acid residues Gly, Ala, Val, Leu, Ile, Phe, Pro, Ser, Thr, Cys, Met, Trp, Tyr, Asn, Gln, Asp, Glu, Lys, Arg and His, and shows at least 40%, preferably 55%, or even more preferably 70% identity to the amino acid sequence resulting from global alignment with either SEQ ID NO: 1 (CYP79D1) or SEQ ID NO: 3 (CYP79D2) or both, which sequences define specific embodiments of the present invention naturally expressed in cassava.

The present invention further discloses a P450 monooxygenase converting an aromatic amino acid such as tyrosine or phenylalanine to the corresponding oxime. The enzyme is specific for L-amino acids. It consists of amino acid residues independently selected from the group of the amino acid residues Gly, Ala, Val, Leu, Ile, Phe, Pro, Ser, Thr, Cys, Met, Trp, Tyr, Asn, Gln, Asp, Glu, Lys, Arg and His, and shows at least 50%, preferably 55%, or even more preferably 70% identity to the amino acid sequence resulting from global alignment with either SEQ ID NO: 9 (CYP79E1) or SEQ ID NO: 11 (CYP79E2) or both, which sequences define specific embodiments of the present invention naturally expressed in *Triglochin maritima*.

The present invention further discloses a P450 monooxygenase converting L-phenylalanine to phenylacetaldoxime. It consists of amino acid residues independently selected from the group of the amino acid residues Gly, Ala, Val, Leu, Ile, Phe, Pro, Ser, Thr, Cys, Met, Trp, Tyr, Asn, Gln, Asp, Glu, Lys, Arg and His, and shows at least 40%, preferably 55%, or even more preferably 70% identity to the amino acid sequence resulting from global alignment with SEQ ID NO: 39 (CYP79A2), which defines a specific embodiment of the present invention naturally expressed in *Arabidopsis thaliana*.

The present invention further discloses a P450 monooxygenase converting tryptophan to indole-3-acetaldoxime. It consists of amino acid residues independently selected from the group of the amino acid residues Gly, Ala, Val, Leu, Ile, Phe, Pro, Ser, Thr, Cys, Met, Trp, Tyr, Asn, Gln, Asp, Glu, Lys, Arg and His, and shows at least 40%, preferably 55%, or even more preferably 70% identity to the amino acid sequence resulting from global alignment with SEQ ID NO: 54 (CYP79B2) or SEQ ID NO: 70 (CYP79B5), which define specific embodiments of the present invention naturally expressed in *Arabidopsis thaliana* and *Brassica napus*, respectively.

The present invention further discloses a P450 monooxygenase converting an aliphatic amino acid or chain-elongated methionine homologue to the corresponding aldoxime. It consists of amino acid residues independently selected from the group of the amino acid

In general there exist two approaches towards sequence alignment. Dynamic programming algorithms as proposed by Needleman and Wunsch and by Sellers align the entire length of two sequences providing a global alignment of the sequences. The Smith-Waterman algorithm on the other hand yields local alignments. A local alignment aligns the pair of regions within the sequences that are most similar given the choice of scoring matrix and gap penalties. This allows a database search to focus on the most highly conserved regions of the sequences. It also allows similar domains within sequences to be identified. To speed up alignments using the Smith-Waterman algorithm programs such as BLAST (Basic Local Alignment Search Tool) and FASTA place additional restrictions on the alignments.

Within the context of the present invention global sequence alignments are conveniently performed using the program PILEUP available from the Genetic Computer Group, Madison, WI.

Local alignments are performed conveniently using BLAST, a set of similarity search programs designed to explore all of the available sequence databases regardless of whether the query is protein or DNA. Version BLAST 2.0 (Gapped BLAST) of this search tool has been made publicly available on the internet (currently <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/>). It uses a heuristic algorithm which seeks local as opposed to global alignments and is therefore able to detect relationships among sequences which share only isolated regions. The scores assigned in a BLAST search have a well-defined statistical interpretation. Particularly useful within the scope of the present invention are the blastp program allowing for the introduction of gaps in the local sequence alignments and the PSI-BLAST program, both programs comparing an amino acid query sequence against a protein sequence database, as well as a blastp variant program allowing local alignment of two sequences only. Said programs are preferably run with optional parameters set to the default values.

Additionally, sequence alignments using BLAST can take into account whether the substitution of one amino acid for another is likely to conserve the physical and chemical properties necessary to maintain the structure and function of a protein or is more likely to disrupt essential structural and functional features. Such sequence similarity is quantified in terms of a percentage of 'positive' amino acids, as compared to the percentage of identical amino acids and can help assigning a protein to the correct protein family in border-line cases.

the source for the cytochrome P450 enzyme according to standard procedures (Sibbesen et al, J. Biol. Chem. 270: 3506-3511, 1995).

Alternatively bacteria like *Escherichia coli* can be used for the recombinant expression of cytochrome P450 enzymes belonging to the CYP79 family. The resulting proteins are unglycosylated. Depending on the particular enzyme studied vector constructs with inserts encoding native or various truncated, extended or modified amino terminal sequences are preferred (Halkier et al, Arch. Biochem. Biophys. 322: 369-377, 1995; Barnes et al, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 88: 5597-5601, 1991; Gillem et al, Arch Biochem Biophys 312: 59-66, 1994). A particularly preferred *E. coli* strain is strain C43(DE3) known to grow well while expressing a heterologous membrane protein in amounts which hold growth of commonly used strains. Thus, expression of CYP79B2 in the commonly used *E. coli* strain JM109 produced less than 0.5% of the CYP79B2 activity produced by strain C43(DE3). Expression in insect cells is also possible.

Investigations into the substrate specificity of CYP79D1, CYP79D2, CYP79E1, CYP79E2, CYP79A2, CYP79B2, CYP79B5 and CYP79F1 are carried out in *E. coli* spheroplasts reconstituted with sorghum NADPH-cytochrome P450 oxidoreductase in the presence of high amounts of lipids. L- α -dioleoyl phosphatidyl choline and L- α -dilauroyl phosphatidyl choline are preferred lipids for the reconstitution. Both CYP79D1 and CYP79D2 are found to convert L-valine as well as L-isoleucine into their corresponding oximes. Both CYP79E1 and CYP79E2 are found to convert L-tyrosine into the corresponding oxime. CYP79A2 is found to convert L-phenylalanine into phenylacetaldoxime. CYP79B2 is found to convert tryptophan into indole-3-acetaldoxime. CYP79F1 is found to convert a chain-elongated methionine homologue into the corresponding aldoxime. Neither L-Leucine, L-phenylalanine nor L-tyrosine are metabolized by CYP79D1 or CYP79D2. Neither L-methionine, L-tryptophane nor L-tyrosine are metabolized by CYP79A2. Neither phenylalanine nor tyrosine are metabolized by CYP79B2. Neither L-tryptophane, L-phenylalanine nor L-tyrosine are metabolized by CYP79F1. D-Amino acids are not converted into oximes by CYP79D1, CYP79D2, CYP79E1 and CYP79E2. Depending on the nature of the substrate, substrate specificity may also be determined using intact *P. pastoris* cells or intact *E. coli* cells.

Nucleic acid compounds according to the invention consist of nucleotide residues independently selected from the group of the nucleotide residues G, A, T and C or the group of nucleotide residues G, A, U and C and are characterized by the formula $R_A-R_B-R_C$, wherein

- R_A , R_B and R_C designate component sequences; and
- R_B consists of at least 450 and preferably 600 or more nucleotide residues encoding amino acid component sequence R_2 as described above.

Knowledge of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3, and SEQ ID NO: 4; SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 11, and SEQ ID NO: 12; SEQ ID NO: 39 and SEQ ID NO: 40; SEQ ID NO: 54, SEQ ID NO: 55, SEQ ID NO: 56, SEQ ID NO: 70 and SEQ ID NO: 71; and SEQ ID NO: 74, SEQ ID NO: 75, SEQ ID NO: 84 and SEQ ID NO: 85 can be used to accelerate the isolation and production of DNA coding for a P450 monooxygenase converting an aliphatic or aromatic amino acid or chain-elongated methionine homologue to the corresponding aldoxime which method comprises

- (a) preparing a cDNA library from plant tissue expressing such a monooxygenase,
- (b) using at least one oligonucleotide designed on the basis of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3, or SEQ ID NO: 4; SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 11, or SEQ ID NO: 12; ; SEQ ID NO: 39 and SEQ ID NO: 40; SEQ ID NO: 54, SEQ ID NO: 55, SEQ ID NO: 56, SEQ ID NO: 70 or SEQ ID NO: 71; or SEQ ID NO: 74, SEQ ID NO: 75, SEQ ID NO: 84 or SEQ ID NO: 85 to amplify part of the P450 monooxygenase cDNA from the cDNA library,
- (c) optionally using one or more oligonucleotides designed on the basis of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3, or SEQ ID NO: 4; SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 11, or SEQ ID NO: 12; SEQ ID NO: 39 or SEQ ID NO: 40; SEQ ID NO: 54, SEQ ID NO: 55, SEQ ID NO: 56, SEQ ID NO: 70 or SEQ ID NO: 71; or SEQ ID NO: 74, SEQ ID NO: 75, SEQ ID NO: 84 or SEQ ID NO: 85 to amplify part of the P450 monooxygenase cDNA from the cDNA library in a nested PCR reaction,
- (d) using the DNA obtained in steps (b) or (c) as a probe to screen the DNA library prepared from plant tissue expressing a P450 monooxygenase converting an aliphatic or aromatic amino acid or chain-elongated methionine homologue to the corresponding oxime, and

Expressed as transgenes DNA encoding P450 monooxygenases according to the present invention is particularly useful to modify the biosynthesis of glucosinolates or cyanogenic glucosides in plants. When the gene encoding a cytochrome P450 enzyme converting an aliphatic or aromatic amino acid into the corresponding oxime is expressed in an acyanogenic plant together with a cytochrome P450 enzyme belonging to the CYP71E family e.g. CYP71E1 from sorghum or preferably the corresponding homolog from cassava and a UDP-glucose cyanohydrin glucosyltransferase, the transgenic plant obtained will be cyanogenic. The introduction of the gene encoding a cytochrome P450 enzyme converting an aliphatic or aromatic amino acid or chain-elongated methionine homologue into the corresponding oxime into a plant species producing glucosinolates can be used to alter the glucosinolate production in said plants as observed by an alteration of the overall level or the content of individual glucosinolates in the transgenic plants selected. If the aliphatic or aromatic amino acid or chain-elongated methionine homologue that is the substrate of the introduced cytochrome P450 enzyme was not previously recognized as a substrate for other cytochrome P450s in that particular plant species, then a new glucosinolate is introduced in the transformed plant. Likewise, the introduction of the gene encoding a cytochrome P450 enzyme converting an aliphatic or aromatic amino acid into the corresponding oxime into a cyanogenic plant can be used to modify the overall level and profile of the preexisting cyanogenic glucosides and to introduce one or more additional cyanogenic glucosides in the plant.

Proper selection of promoters to provide constitutive, inducible or tissue specific expression of the genes provides means to obtain transgenic plants with desired disease or herbivore responses. Likewise, the content of glucosinolates or cyanogenic glucosides in plants may be modified or reduced using anti-sense or ribozyme technology using the same genes. Thus, it is a further aspect of the present invention to provide transgenic plants comprising stably integrated into their genome DNA comprising at least part of an open reading frame of a P450 monooxygenase according to the present invention converting an aliphatic or aromatic amino acid or chain-elongated methionine homologue to the corresponding oxime. Such plants can be produced by a method comprising

- (a) introducing into a plant cell or tissue which can be regenerated to a complete plant, DNA comprising at least part of an open reading frame of a P450 monooxygenase according to the present invention converting an aliphatic or aromatic amino acid or chain-elongated methionine homologue to the corresponding oxime; and

The gene specific fragment is labeled with digoxigenin-11-dUTP (Boehringer Mannheim, Germany) by PCR amplification and used as probe to screen the cassava cDNA library using the DIG system (Boehringer Mannheim, Germany). The probe is hybridized over night at 68°C in 5xSSC, 0.1% N-lauroylsarcosine, 0.02% SDS, 1% blocking reagent (Boehringer Mannheim, Germany). Prior to detection, filters are washed with 0.1 x SSC, 0.1% SDS at 65°C.

Example 2 - CYP79D1 and CYP79D2, sequencing and southern blot analysis

Using the probe obtained according to example 1 two equally abundant full-length clones are isolated from the cassava cDNA library. The clones have open reading frames encoding P450s of 61.2 and 61.3 kDa. These P450s are assigned CYP79D1 and CYP79D2 as the first two members of a new CYP79D subfamily.

Sequencing is performed using the Thermo Sequenase Fluorescent-labeled Primer cycle sequencing kit (7-deaza dGTP) (Amersham, Sweden) and an ALF-Express sequenator (Pharmacia, Sweden). Sequence computer analysis is performed using the programs from the GCG Wisconsin Sequence Analysis Package. The two cassava P450s are 85% identical and both share 54% identity to CYP79A1. P450s showing more than 40% but less than 55% sequence identity at the amino acid level are grouped in the same family but in different subfamilies.

The heme-binding motif in CYP79D1 and CYP79D2 is IFSTGRRGCVA (residues 470-480 of CYP79D1) and contains three amino acid substitutions compared to the consensus sequence PFGXGRRXCXG for A-type P450s (Durst et al, Drug Metabol Drug Interact 12: 189-206, 1995). The substitutions underlined are also found in CYP79A1 whereas the initial T in the CYP79D1 and CYP79D2 heme-binding motif is an S in CYP79A1, CYP79B1 and CYP79B2. Thus, the previously proposed existence of a heme binding sequence domain unique to the CYP79 family is contradicted. The other unique sequence domain PERH (residues 450-453 of CYP79D1), where H has been proposed to be specific for the CYP79 family is also found in CYP79D1 and CYP79D2.

To determine the copy number of *CYP79D1* and *CYP79D2*, a Southern Blot on genomic DNA from the cassava cultivar MCol22 is performed. Genomic DNA is purified from leaves of cassava cultivar Mcol22 as described by Chen et al in: *The Maize Handbook* (Freeling et al eds), Springer Verlag, NY, 1994. The DNA is further purified on Genomic-tip 100/G (Qiagen, Germany), digested with restriction enzymes and electrophoresed (10 µg

presence of *CYP79D1* or *CYP79D2* in zeocin resistant colonies is confirmed by PCR on the *P. pastoris* colonies.

Single colonies of *P. pastoris* are grown (28°C, 220 rpm) for approximately 22 h in 25 ml BMGY (1% yeast extract, 2% peptone, 0.1 M K₂P₄, pH 6.0, 1.34% yeast nitrogen base, 4x 10⁻⁵% biotin, 1% glycerol, 100 µg/ml zeocin). Cells are harvested (1500g, 10 min, RT) and inoculated in a 2 l baffled flask to OD₆₀₀ of 0.5 in 300 ml of inducing medium, i.e. BMGY with 1% methanol instead of glycerol. The cultures are grown (28 °C, 300 rpm) for 28 h with addition of methanol to 0.5 % after 26 h. Cells are pelleted (3000g, 10 min, 4 °C) and washed once in buffer A (50 mM K₂P₄, pH 7.9, 1 mM EDTA, 5% glycerol, 2 mM DTT, 1 mM phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride) before being resuspended to OD₆₀₀ of 130 in buffer A. An equal volume of acid-washed glass beads is added and the cells are broken by vortexing (8x 30 s, 4°C with intermediate cooling on ice). The lysate is centrifuged at 12000g (10 min, 4°C) to remove cell debris and the resulting supernatant recentrifuged at 165000g (1 h, 4 °C) to recover a microsomal pellet. Microsomes are resuspended in buffer A, stored at -80 °C and thawed on ice immediately before use.

CYP79D1 and *CYP79D2* are functionally expressed in *P. pastoris* as evidenced by the ability of recombinant yeast cells to convert L-valine to the corresponding. No conversion took place using *P. pastoris* cells transformed with the vector only. The metabolic activity is measured in intact cells demonstrating that the endogenous *P. pastoris* reductase system is able to support electron donation to these plant P450s. SDS-PAGE of microsomes prepared from cells actively converting L-valine to val-oxime shows the presence of an additional polypeptide band migrating corresponding to a molecular mass of 62 kDa as expected from the *CYP79D1* cDNA clone.

With regard to *CYP79D1* activity in intact *P. pastoris* cells the best results were obtained using growth in rich media and induction at OD 0.5 for 24-30 h. 15-30 nmol of microsomal *CYP79D1* per liter culture are produced. The yield of microsomal *CYP79D1* after 90 h of induction is 50% of that obtained after 24 h.

Example 4 - Purification of recombinant *CYP79D1*

All steps are carried out at 4 °C unless otherwise stated. *CYP79D1* containing fractions are identified by carbon monoxide difference spectroscopy, SDS-PAGE and activity measurements.

This demonstrates that CYP79D1 is a fairly stable protein. Yeast cytochromes may interfere with the spectroscopy of crude extracts and hide a minor 420 nm peak and *P. pastoris* cytochrome oxidase had previously been reported to prevent P450 spectroscopy. In the present study, the expression level of CYP79D1 is high and the CO difference spectrum produced by cytochrome oxidase (maximum at 430 nm, minimum at 445) is visible as a shoulder on the 450 nm peak. The *P. pastoris* cytochrome oxidase binds to the DEAE column and accordingly is removed during P450 isolation. Upon culturing *P. pastoris* for extended periods (90 h), the content of cytochrome oxidase decreases permitting detection of lower amounts of P450 in microsomes. Finally, interfering cytochrome oxidase can be removed from P450 by TX-114 phase partitioning performed in borate buffer. Upon phase partitioning in borate, the P450s partition to the TX-114 poor phase, whereas *P. pastoris* cytochrome oxidase partitiones to the rich phase.

Purified CYP79D1 forms a type I substrate binding spectrum in the presence of L-valine corresponding to a 44 % shift from low spin to high spin state upon substrate binding.

Example 5 - Determination of the catalytic activity

Isolated, recombinant CYP79D1 is reconstituted and its catalytic activity determined *in vitro* using reaction mixtures with a total volume of 30 µl containing 2.5 pmol CYP79D1, 0.05 U NADPH P450-oxidoreductase (Benveniste et al, Biochem J 235: 365-373, 1986), 10.6 mM L-α-dioleoyl phosphatidylcholine, 0.35 µCi [U-¹⁴C]-L-amino acid (L-Val, L-Ile, L-Leu, L-Tyr or L-Phe; Amersham, Sweden), 1 mM NADPH, 0.1 M NaCl and 20 mM KPi pH 7.9. In assays containing ¹⁴C-L-valine or ¹⁴C-L-isoleucine, different amounts of unlabeled L- and D-amino acids (0-6 mM) are added. After incubation for 10 minutes at 30 °C the products formed are extracted into 60 µl ethyl acetate and separated on TLC sheets (Merck Kieselgel 60F₂₅₄) using n-pentane/diethyl ether (50:50, v/v) or toluene/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) as eluents for aliphatic compounds and aromatic compounds, respectively. ¹⁴C-labeled oximes are visualized and quantified using a STORM 840 phosphor imager (Molecular Dynamics, CA, USA). The activity of CYP79D1 is additionally measured in the presence of the inhibitors tetcyclasis, ABT and DPI under the same conditions as described above.

For *in vivo* activity assays 200 µl *P. pastoris* cells are pelleted and resuspended in 100 µl 50 mM Tricine pH 7.9 and 0.35 µCi [U-¹⁴C]-L-valine or L-isoleucine. After incubation for 30 minutes at 30°C the cells are extracted with ethyl acetate and the products formed are analyzed as above.

Example 6 - N-terminal sequencing of CYP79D1

Isolated recombinant CYP79D1 is subjected to SDS-PAGE and the protein transferred to ProBlott membranes (Applied Biosystems, CA, USA) as described in Kahn et al, J. Biol. Chem 271: 32944-32950, 1996. The Coomassie Brilliant Blue-stained protein band is excised from the membrane and subjected to sequencing on an Applied Biosystems model 470A sequenator equipped with an on-line model 120A phenylthiohydantoin amino acid analyzer. Asn glycosylation is detected as the lack of an Asn signal in the predicted Edman degradation cycle.

The fractions that produce CO spectra and contain CYP79D1 activity always produce two distinct closely migrating polypeptide bands upon SDS-PAGE. N-terminal amino acid sequencing identifies both bands as derived from CYP79D1. The initial methionine is removed by the yeast processing system. Sequencing of the first 15 residues of the upper band demonstrates glycosylation of both asparagines present, whereas the lower band only is glycosylated at the first asparagine. The different glycosylation pattern explains the presence of two bands. Glycosylation at the N-terminal part of CYP79D1 is in agreement with the localization of the N-terminal in the lumen of the endoplasmatic reticulum accessible for the glycosylation machinery. It is unknown, whether native CYP79D1 is glycosylated in cassava. However, CYP79A1 purified from sorghum seedlings is not glycosylated as documented by amino acid sequencing of the N-terminal fragment (15) and only few reports exist of microsomal P450 glycosylation. The observed glycosylation of recombinant CYP79D1 upon expression in *P. pastoris* is thought to reflect expression in a yeast system.

Example 7 - Primers used in examples 8 and 9

Primer Designation	Nucleotide sequence ^a	SEQ ID NO:
1F ^b	GCGGAATTCGAYAAAYCCIWISIAAYGC	13
1R ^b	GCGGATCCGCIACRTGIGGIAHRTTAA	14

- ^e Covers a sequence that is identical in the two clones #1 and #2.
- ^f Covers a sequence that is specific for either of the two clones #1 and #2.
- ^g A specific primer for the 5'UTR in #1.
- ^h The star indicates a stop codon.

Example 8 - cDNA cloning of *Triglochin maritima* CYP79 genes

PCR approach to generate cDNA fragments of a CYP79 homologue in *T. maritima*

A unidirectional plasmid cDNA library is made by In Vitrogen (Carlsbad, CA) from flowers and fruits (schizocarp) of *T. maritima*, using the expression vector pcDNA2.1 which contains the *lacZ* promoter. Plant material is collected at Aflandshage on Southern Amager, at the coast of Øresund, frozen directly in liquid N₂ and stored at -80°C.

Degenerate PCR primers are designed based on conserved amino acid sequences in CYP79A1 derived from *S. bicolor* - GenEMBL U32624, CYP79B1 from *Sinapis alba* - GenEMBL AF069494, CYP79B2 from *Arabidopsis thaliana* - GenEMBL, and a PCR fragment of CYP79D1 from *Manihot esculenta* - GenEMBL AF140613. Two rounds of PCR amplification reactions in a total volume of 50 µl are carried out using 100 pmol of each primer, 5% dimethyl sulfoxide, 200 µM dNTPs and 2.5 units *Taq* DNA polymerase in PCR buffer (50 mM KCl, 10 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.8, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 0.1% Triton X-100). Thermal cycling parameters are 2 min at 95°C, 30 × (5 sec at 95°C, 30 sec at 45°C, 45 sec at 72°C) and finally 5 min at 72°C. The first PCR reaction is performed using primers 1F and 1R (Example 7) on 100 ng template DNA prepared from the cDNA library or genomic DNA prepared using the Nucleon Phytopure Plant DNA Extraction Kit (Amersham). The PCR products are purified using QIAquick PCR Purification Kit (Qiagen), eluted in 30 µl 10 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.5, and used as template (1 µl) for the second round of PCR reactions carried out using PCR fragments derived from both cDNA and genomic DNA and using the two degenerate primers 2F and 2R (Example 7). An aliquot (5 µl) of the PCR reaction is applied to a 1.5% agarose/TBE gel and a band of the expected size of about 200 bp is observed using both cDNA and genomic DNA as template. The rest of the PCR reaction is purified using QIAquick PCR Purification Kit and eluted in 30 µl 10 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.5. The purified PCR fragments (5 µl) are digested with *Eco*RI and *Bam*HI, excised from a 1.5% agarose/TBE gel, purified using QIAEX II Agarose Gel Extraction kit (Qiagen) and ligated into an *Eco*RI- and *Bam*HI-digested pBluescript II SK vector (Stratagene). Seven clones derived from the cDNA library and three clones derived from genomic DNA are sequenced

a consequence, the PCR fragment cloned with 4R#1 and 3R is used as a template to generate a digoxigenin-11-dUTP labeled probe (TRI2) using primers 5F#1 and 5R#1 (Example 7). Using the same conditions as above, TRI2 partly covering the 5' untranslated region (UTR) and 5' end of the open reading frame of clone #1 is used to screen the pcDNA2.1 library together with the TRI1 probe. The first lifts are hybridized with TRI2 and the second with TRI1. Two individual cDNA clones with exactly the same length as the PCR fragment are isolated after screening 1.000.000 colonies.

Results

Based on a sequence alignment of CYP79A1 and putative N-hydroxylases belonging to the CYP79 family, four degenerate oligonucleotide primers covering two CYP79 specific regions are designed (1F, 2F, 1R, 2R described in Example 7) and used in nested PCR reactions with genomic DNA as well as cDNA made from flowers and fruits of *Triglochin maritima* as templates. A PCR fragment of the expected size, i.e. approximately 200 bp, and showing 62 to 70% identity to CYP79 sequences at the amino acid level is amplified from both templates, cloned and further used to screen the cDNA library. Two cDNA clones, denoted #1 and #2, are isolated and verified by sequence comparison to share high sequence identity to the CYP79 family. Using clone specific PCR primers, a full-length clone corresponding to #1 is isolated. The open reading frame encodes a protein with a molecular mass of 60.8 kDa. A comparison of the full-length sequence of clone #1 with that of clone #2 reveals that clone #2 is 6 bp shorter at the 5' end but contains a methionine codon not found in clone #1 at a position corresponding to amino acid residue 26 specified by clone #1. The sequence surrounding this methionine codon does not fit the general context sequence for a start codon in a monocotyledonous plant. Most likely, clone #2 thus lacks 6 bp to be full-length.

The cytochrome P450s encoded by clones #1 and #2 show 44 to 48% identity to already known members of the CYP79 family (see Table below) and accordingly are identified as the first two members of the new subfamily CYP79E and assigned CYP79E1 (SEQ ID NO: 9) and CYP79E2 (SEQ ID NO: 11). The sequence identity between CYP79E1 and CYP79E2 is 94%.

truncated constructs are made using primers 6F#1 ($\Delta(1-31)_{17\alpha(8aa)}$) and 6R#1 or primers 6F#1 ($\Delta(1-52)_{2E1(10aa)}$) and 6R#1 (Example 7). Construct CYP79E1 $\Delta(1-31)_{17\alpha(8aa)}$ encodes a truncated form of CYP79E1 in which 31 codons of the native 5' sequence are replaced by 8 AT-enriched codons of P45017 α (Halkier et al, Arch. Biochem. Biophys. 322: 369-377, 1995; Barnes et al, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 88: 5597-5601, 1991); in construct CYP79E1 $\Delta(1-52)_{2E1(10aa)}$ the first 52 codons of the native 5' sequence are replaced by 10 AT-enriched codons of P4502E1 and silent mutations are introduced in codons 53 and 55. The PCR fragments are digested with *Nde*I and *Hind*III and ligated into *Nde*I- and *Hind*III-digested pSP19g10L expression vector (Barnes, Methods Enzymol. 272: 3-14, 1996). The unique restriction sites *Nco*I and *Pml*I are used to replace the middle part of the PCR clones (1045 bp) with the analogous fragment from the cDNA clone. The remaining portions of the constructs deriving from PCR, are sequenced to exclude PCR errors.

Because the CYP79E2 clone is isolated in frame with the first 24 codons of the *lacZ* gene in the vector pcDNA2.1, this clone is tested as a fourth expression construct designated CYP79E2_{*lacZ*(24aa)}. For comparison, an equivalent fifth construct CYP79E1 $\Delta(1-2)_{lacZ(24aa)}$ is also prepared.

All constructs contain the original stop sequence TAAT found in most highly expressed *E. coli* genes. All constructs using the vector pSP19g10L have their 3'UTR removed, because inclusion of the 3'UTR has been reported to prevent or reduce expression of some genes. In constructs based on pcDNA2.1, the 3'UTR is retained.

Expression in *E. coli*

All expression constructs are transformed into the *E. coli* strains JM109 (Stratagene) and XL-1 blue (Stratagene). In all cases, the JM109 strain turns out to be most efficient.

CYP79E1 and CYP79E2 contain 19 and 17 AGA or AGG arginine codons which are rare in *E. coli* genes. A strong positive correlation between the occurrence of codons and tRNA content has been established. Accordingly, the native and $\Delta(1-52)_{2E1(10aa)}$ constructs of clone #1 as well as the construct of clone #2 are co-transformed with pSBET (Schenk et al, BioTechniques 19: 196-200, 1995) encoding a tRNA gene for rare arginine codons, into JM109. Single colonies are grown overnight in LB medium (50 μ g/ml ampicillin, 37°C, 225

Before TLC application the sample is extracted with ethyl acetate. During this step the surplus of radiolabeled tyrosine remains in the aqueous phase thus preventing overexposure at the origin. The total ethyl acetate phase is applied to the TLC plate. In some experiments, inevitable carry-over of small amounts of the aqueous phase results in the appearance of a tyrosine band at the origin. Unlabeled reference compounds (*p*-hydroxyphenylacetaldoxime, *p*-hydroxyphenylacetonitrile and *p*-hydroxybenzaldehyde) are prestreaked on the TLC plates to permit visual detection under ultraviolet light.

Carbon monoxide binding spectra using intact *E. coli* cells show the absorption maximum at 450 nm diagnostic for formation of functional cytochrome P450 with the following three constructs: CYP79E1_{na}, CYP79E1Δ(1-52)_{2E1(10aa)}, and CYP79E2_{lacZ(24aa)}. The spectra are obtained without and with co-transformation of pSBET but in all cases the cytochrome P450 content turns out to be too low to permit quantification. To obtain an accurate determination, the cytochrome P450s are enriched by isolation of *E. coli* spheroblasts followed by temperature-induced Triton X-114 phase partitioning (Werck-Reichart et al, Anal. Biochem. 197: 125-131, 1991; Halkier et al, Arch. Biochem. Biophys. 322: 369-377, 1995). The highest expression level (in JM109 cells after 48 hours) of 56 nmol/l culture is obtained using CYP79E2_{lacZ(24aa)}. This level is comparable to the expression level of 62 nmol/l culture obtained with *S. bicolor* construct CYP79A1Δ(1-33)_{17α(8aa)} (Halkier et al, Arch. Biochem. Biophys. 322: 369-377, 1995) included as a positive control. CYP79E1 Δ(1-31)_{17α(8aa)} with a modified P45017α N-terminal and the empty vector do not reveal any detectable spectrum.

Example 10 - Reconstitution of CYP79E with CYP71E1

Reconstitution of the membrane associated pathway of cyanogenic glucoside synthesis resulting in the formation of *p*-hydroxymandelonitrile, the aglycon of dhurrin (seen as *p*-hydroxybenzaldehyde *in vitro*) is achieved using enzymes from the two species *S. bicolor* and *Triglochin maritima*. In reconstitution experiments including tyrosine, NADPH, NADPH-cytochrome P450 oxidoreductase, CYP71E1 and CYP79E1 or CYP79E2, considerable amounts of *p*-hydroxyphenylacetonitrile and *p*-hydroxybenzaldehyde accumulate.

Example 11 - Primers used in examples 12 and 13

The following PCR primers are designed on the basis of the genomic *Arabidopsis thaliana* L. cv. Columbia sequence of CYP79A2 found to be contained in GenBank Accession

digested pYX223 (R&D Systems), and inserts of 10 clones derived from two nested PCR reactions are sequenced.

Sequencing is performed using the Thermo Sequence Fluorescent-labelled Primer cycle sequencing kit (7-deaza dGTP) from Amersham Pharmacia Biotech and analyzed on an ALF-Express DNA Sequencer (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech). Sequence computer analysis is done with programs of the GCG Wisconsin Sequence Analysis Package. The GAP program is used with a gap creation penalty of 8 and a gap extension penalty of 2 to compare pairs of sequences. The splice site prediction is done using NetPlantGene.

CYP79A2 is one of several *CYP79* homologues identified in the genome of *A. thaliana*. According to computer-aided splice site prediction it contains one intron, which is characteristic for A-type cytochromes P450. While it is the only intron in *CYP79A2* other members of the *CYP79* family have one or two additional introns. The sequence of the full-length *CYP79A2* cDNA confirms the splice site prediction. The reading frame of the *CYP79A2* cDNA has two potential ATG start codons, one positioned 15 bp downstream of a stop codon in the 5'untranslated region and another one 15 bp further downstream. The cDNA starting with the second ATG codon is for all further studies. This cDNA encodes a protein of 523 amino acids which has 64% similarity and 53% identity to CYP79A1 involved in the biosynthesis of the cyanogenic glucoside dhurrin.

Example 13 - *CYP79A2 E. coli* expression constructs

Expression constructs are derived from a *CYP79A2* cDNA obtained by fusion of the two exons amplified from genomic DNA of *Arabidopsis thaliana* L. The two exons are amplified by PCR with the primers A2F2 and A2R3 for exon 1 and A2F3 and A2R2 for exon2, respectively and using 1.25 units *Pwo* polymerase (Roche Molecular Biochemicals) and 4 mg template DNA. PCR reactions are set up in a total volume of 50 µl in *Pwo* polymerase PCR buffer with 2 mM MgSO₄ (Roche Molecular Biochemicals) supplemented with 200 µM dNTPs, 50 pmol of each primer, and 5 (v/v) % DMSO. After incubation of the reactions at 94°C for 3 minutes, 30 PCR cycles of 20 seconds at 94°C, 10 seconds at 60°C, and 30 seconds at 72°C are run. After digestion of the PCR fragments with *Eco*RI (exon 1) and *Hind*III (exon 2), the blunt ends generated with primers A2R3 and A2F3 and *Pwo* polymerase are phosphorylated with T4 polynucleotide kinase (New England Biolabs). The

different *CYP79A2* cDNAs are excised from pYX223 by digestion with *Nde*I and *Hind*III and ligated into *Nde*I/*Hind*III-digested pSP19g10L.

Example 14 - *CYP79A2* Expression in *E. coli*

E. coli cells of strain JM109 transformed with the expression constructs described in Example 13 are grown overnight in LB medium supplemented with 100 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ ampicillin and used to inoculate 100 ml modified TB medium containing 50 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ ampicillin, 1 mM thiamine, 75 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ δ -aminolevulinic acid, and 1 mM isopropyl- β -D-thiogalactoside. The cells are grown at 28°C for 65 hours at 125 rpm. Cells from 75 ml culture are pelleted and resuspended in buffer composed of 0.1 M Tris HCl pH 7.6, 0.5 mM EDTA, 250 mM sucrose, and 250 μM phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride. Lysozyme is added to a final concentration of 100 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$. After incubation for 30 minutes at 4°C, magnesium acetate is added to a final concentration of 10 mM. Spheroplasts are pelleted, resuspended in 5 ml buffer composed of 10 mM Tris HCl pH 7.5, 14 mM magnesium acetate, and 60 mM potassium acetate pH 7.4 and homogenized in a Potter-Elvehjem. After DNase and RNase treatment, glycerol is added to a final concentration of 29%. Temperature-induced Triton X-114 phase partitioning is performed as described in Halkier et al, Arch Biochem Biophys 322: 369-377, 1995. The Triton X-114 rich phase is analyzed by SDS-PAGE.

$\text{Fe}^{2+}\cdot\text{CO}$ vs. Fe^{2+} difference spectroscopy (Omura et al, J Biol Chem 239: 2370-2378, 1964) is performed on 100 μl *E. coli* spheroplasts resuspended in 900 μl of buffer containing 50 mM KPi pH 7.5, 2 mM EDTA, 20% (v/v) glycerol, 0.2% (v/v) Triton X-100, and a few grains of sodium dithionite. The suspension is distributed between two cuvettes and a baseline is recorded between 400 and 500 nm on a SLM Aminco DW-2000 TM spectrophotometer (SLM Instruments, Urbana, IL). The sample cuvette is flushed with CO for 1 min and the difference spectrum is recorded. The amount of functional cytochrome P450 is estimated based on an absorption coefficient of 91 l $\text{mmol}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$.

The activity of *CYP79A2* is measured in *E. coli* spheroplasts reconstituted with NADPH:cytochrome P450 oxidoreductase purified from *Sorghum bicolor* (L.) Moench as described in Sibbesen et al, J Biol Chem 270: 3506-3511, 1995. In a typical enzyme assay, 5 μl spheroplasts and 4 μl NADPH:cytochrome P450 reductase (equivalent to 0.04 units defined as 1 μmol cytochrome c min^{-1}) are incubated with 3.3 μM L-[U- ^{14}C]phenylalanine

functional cytochrome P450. A peak at 415 nm is found for all spheroplast preparations. This peak may arise from *E. coli* derived heme protein, unattached heme groups produced in the presence of δ -aminolevulinic acid in the medium, or cytochrome P450 in a non-functional conformation. Based on the peak at 452 nm, the expression level of 'chimeric' CYP79A2 is estimated to be 50 nmol cytochrome P450 (l culture)⁻¹. When incubated with L-[¹⁴C]phenylalanine, spheroplasts of *E. coli* transformed with the 'native', the 'truncated-modified', or the 'chimeric' CYP79A2 expression construct and reconstituted with the purified NADPH:cytochrome P450 oxidoreductase from *S. bicolor* produce two radiolabelled compounds which comigrate with the (E)- and (Z)-isomers of phenylacetaldoxime in thin layer chromatography. These products are not detected in assay mixtures containing *E. coli* spheroplasts harbouring either the 'modified' CYP79A2 expression construct or the empty vector. GC-MS analysis shows that two compounds with identical fragmentation patterns are present in the reaction mixture with 'chimeric' CYP79A2, but not in the control reaction. The retention times and the fragmentation pattern identify these compounds as the (E)- and (Z)-isomers of phenylacetaldoxime. Administration of L-[¹⁴C]tyrosine, L-[¹⁴C]methionine, or L-[³H]tryptophan to spheroplasts of *E. coli* expressing the 'native' or the 'chimeric' CYP79A2 does not result in production of detectable amounts of the respective aldoximes. The ability of CYP79A2 to metabolize DL-homophenylalanine is investigated in spheroplasts of *E. coli* expressing 'chimeric' CYP79A2. GC-MS analysis of the reaction mixture shows the absence of detectable amounts of the homophenylalanine-derived aldoxime. A K_m value of 6.7 μ mol l⁻¹ and a V_{max} value of 16.6 pmol min⁻¹ (mg protein)⁻¹ are determined for CYP79A2 using spheroplasts of *E. coli* expressing 'native' CYP79A2 with L-[¹⁴C]phenylalanine as the substrate. As no CO spectrum is obtained with 'native' CYP79A2, it is not possible to estimate the amount of functional 'native' CYP79A2. However, based on the expression level of functional 'chimeric' CYP79A2, a turnover number of 0.24 min⁻¹ for 'native' CYP79A2 can be estimated.

The substrate specificity of CYP79A2 seems to be rather narrow as neither L-tyrosine, DL-homophenylalanine, L-tryptophan nor L-methionine are metabolized by the enzyme. The high substrate specificity is in agreement with results obtained with CYP79 homologues involved in the biosynthesis of cyanogenic glucosides. The activity of recombinant CYP79A2 is strongly dependent on the pH of the reaction mixture and, to a lesser extent, on several other factors. Compared to the activity at pH 7.5, the activity of 'chimeric' CYP79A2 is 25% at pH 6, 50% at pH 6.5, 80% at pH 7.0, and 70% at pH 7.9. Addition of

loaded on a DEAE Sephadex A-25 column equilibrated as follows: 25 mg DEAE Sephadex A-25 are swollen overnight in 1 ml 0.5 M acetate buffer pH 5, packed into a 5 ml pipette tip, and washed with 1 ml water. The plant extract is loaded, and the column is washed with 2 ml 70% (v/v) methanol, 2 ml water, and 0.5 ml 0.02 M acetate buffer pH 5. *Helix pomatia* sulfatase (Type H-1, Sigma; 0.1 ml, 2.5 mg ml⁻¹ in 0.02 M acetate buffer pH 5) is applied, and the column is left at room temperature for 16 hours. Elution is carried out with 2 ml water. The eluate is dried *in vacuo*, the residue dissolved in 150 µl water, and 100 µl are subjected to HPLC on a Shimadzu LC-10A T *vp* equipped with a Supelcosil LC-ABZ 59142 C₁₈ column (25 cm x 4.6 mm, 5 mm; Supelco) and a SPD-M10AVP photodiode array detector (Shimadzu). The flow rate is 1 ml min⁻¹. Elution with water for 2 minutes is followed by elution with a linear gradient from 0 to 60% methanol in water (48 minutes), a linear gradient from 60 to 100% methanol in water (3 minutes) and with 100% methanol (3 minutes). The assignment of peaks is based on retention times and UV spectra compared to standard compounds. Glucosinolates are quantified in relation to the internal standard and by use of the response factors as described by Buchner (1987) In: Glucosinolates in rapeseed: Analytical aspects, Wathélet, (ed.), Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, pp 50-58 and Haughn et al, Plant Physiol 97: 217-226, 1991. In the analysis of rosette leaves, the term 'total glucosinolate content' refers to the molar amount of the five major glucosinolates (4-methylsulfinylbutylglucosinolate, 4-methylthiobutylglucosinolate, 8-methylsulfinyloctylglucosinolate, indol-3-ylmethylglucosinolate, and 4-methoxyindol-3-ylglucosinolate) which account for 85% of the glucosinolate content in rosette leaves of wild-type *A. thaliana* and benzylglucosinolate. The glucosinolate content of transgenic seeds harvested from T1 plants #10, #13, and #14 is analyzed and compared with the glucosinolate content of wild-type seeds. Twelve to thirty milligrams of seeds are extracted and subjected to HPLC analysis as described above with the exception that lyophilization of the tissue is omitted. In this analysis of seeds, the term 'total glucosinolate content' refers to the molar amount of the ten major glucosinolates (3-hydroxypropylglucosinolate, 4-hydroxybutylglucosinolate, 4-methylsulfinylbutylglucosinolate, 4-methylthiobutylglucosinolate, 8-methylsulfinyloctylglucosinolate, 7-methylthioheptylglucosinolate, 8-methylthiooctylglucosinolate, indol-3-ylmethylglucosinolate, 3-benzoyloxypropylglucosinolate, 4-benzoyloxybutylglucosinolate) which account for more than 90% of the glucosinolate content in seeds of wild-type *A. thaliana* and benzylglucosinolate.

presented, however, indicate that aldoxime formation from aromatic amino acids is dependent on cytochrome P450 enzymes in members of the *Brassicaceae* as well as in other families.

Example 16 - Expression analysis of CYP79A2 by histochemical GUS assay

The CYP79A2 promoter is studied in transgenic *A. thaliana* transformed with a construct containing the CYP79A2 promoter in front of the GUS-intron DNA sequence. A genomic clone containing the CYP79A2 gene is isolated from the EMBL3 genomic library (*A. thaliana* cv. Columbia). A *SacI/XmaI* fragment (SEQ ID NO: 15) consisting of 2.5 kB upstream sequence and 120 bp CYP79A2 coding region is excised from the DNA of the positive phage. The fragment is inserted into pPZP111 in frame with the *XbaI/SalI* fragment of pVictor IV S GiN (Danisco Biotechnology, Denmark) containing the GUS-intron sequence and the 35S terminator. The fusion between the two fragments is made by a 17 bp linker. The resulting transcript encodes a fusion protein consisting of the CYP79A2 membrane anchor fused to the GUS protein.

Transformants of different developmental stages are analyzed by histochemical GUS assays. Intense staining is observed in the veins of the hypocotyl and the petioles of ten days old plants. No staining is seen in the cotyledones and leaves except of the hydathodes where intense staining is observed. In three weeks old plants the veins of the leaves are stained with moderate intensity while intense coloration is observed in the hydathodes. No staining is found in roots of ten days and three weeks old plants. In five weeks old plants no GUS activity is detected.

Example 17 - *Arabidopsis* plants and primers used in examples 18, 19, 21, and 22

Arabidopsis cv. Columbia is used for all experiments. Plants are grown in a controlled-environment *Arabidopsis* Chamber (Percival AR-60 I, Boone, Iowa, USA) at a photosynthetic flu: of 100-120 $\mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1}$, at 20°C and 70% relative humidity. The photoperiod is 12 hours for plants used for transformation and 8 hours for plants used for biochemical analysis.

specific EST3 primer a 255 bp fragment of the missing 5' end is amplified and subsequently cloned by use of an *EcoR* I site in the amplified vector sequence and a *Bam*H I site introduced by primer EST3. This fragment is used as template to amplify a Digoxigenin-11-dUTP (DIG, Boehringer Mannheim) labelled probe (DIG1) by PCR with primers EST6 and EST7A. The λ PRL2 library is screened with the DIG1 probe according to the manufacturer's instructions (Boehringer Mannheim) hybridization occurring overnight at 68 °C in 5x SSC, 0.1% N-lauroyl sarcosin, 0.02% SDS, 1.2% (w/v) blocking reagent (Boehringer Mannheim) and stringency washes being performed two times for 15 minutes at 65 °C, 0.1x SSC, 0.1 % SDS. Detection of positive plaques is done by chemiluminescent detection with nitro blue tetrazolium according to the manufacturer's instructions (Boehringer Mannheim). Screening of the λ PRL2 library with the 255 bp PCR fragment as a probe (DIG1) results in the isolation of a full length cDNA clone encoding CYP79B2.

EST T42902 is identified based on homology to the *S. bicolor* CYP79A1 sequence. A 240 bp PCR fragment is amplified with primers EST1 and EST2 using EST T42902 from the Arabidopsis Biological Research Center at OHIO State University as template. This PCR fragment is labelled with Digoxigenin-11-dUTP (DIG, Boehringer Mannheim) and used as probe to screen a lambda ZAP II cDNA library from *Brassica napus* leaves (Clontech Lab., Inc.). The library is screened with the DIG probe according to the manufacturers instructions, hybridizations occurring overnight at 68°C in 5x SSC, 0.1% N-lauryl sarcosin, 0.02% SDS, 1.2% (w/v) blocking reagent (Boehringer Mannheim) and stringency washes being performed two times for 15 minutes at 65°C, 0.1x SSC, 0.1% SDS. Positive plaques are detected by chemiluminescent detection with nitro tetrazolium according to the manufacturers instruction (Boehringer Mannheim). Screening of the library results in the isolation of a full length cDNA clone encoding CYP79B5.

The sequence reactions are performed using the Thermo Sequence Fluorescent-labelled Primer cycle sequencing kit (Amersham) and analyzed on an ALF-express automated sequenator (Pharmacia). Sequence computer analysis and alignments are produced with programs in the Wisconsin Sequence Analysis Package.

For Southern Blot Analysis genomic DNA is isolated from Arabidopsis leaves with the Nucleon PhytoPure Plant DNA extraction kit (Amersham). 10 μ g of DNA are digested with *Bam*H I, *Xba* I, *Ssp* I, *Eco*R I or *Eco*R V and fractionated by gel electrophoresis on a 0.8% agarose gel. Southern blot analysis is performed with the Digoxigenin labelled probe DIG1 and washed under high stringency conditions (68°C, 0.1x SSC, 0.1% SDS, 2x 15 minutes). Bands are visualized by chemiluminescent detection with CDP-StarTM (Tropix Inc.).

highest level of expression is found in roots, the lowest level in stem leaves; approximately equal amounts are found in rosette leaves, stems and flowers. The level of CYP79B2 messenger RNA in roots is approximately 3-4 fold higher than the level found in rosette leaves. A two-fold induction detectable within 15 minutes after wounding is seen in rosette leaves after 2 hours. Said increase is in agreement with CYP79B2 being involved in indoleglucosinolate biosynthesis.

Example 19 - **CYP79B2 *E. coli* expression constructs and activity measurement**

PCR with the 5' 'native' sense primer or the 5' 'bovine' sense primer against the 3' 'end' antisense primer are used to generate the constructs 'native' and ' $\Delta(1-9)_{\text{bov}}$ ', respectively, for expression. Using the *Aat* II and *Nde* I restriction sites introduced by the primers, the PCR fragments are cloned into an *Aat* II / *Nde* I digested pSP19g10L vector (Barnes, Meth. Enzymol. 272: 3-14, 1996) and sequenced to exclude PCR errors.

The native construct consists of the unmodified coding region of CYP79B2, whereas the $\Delta(1-9)_{\text{bov}}$ construct is truncated by 9 amino acids, in addition to having the first eight codons replaced by the first eight codons of bovine P45017 α (17). The bovine modification has been shown to result in high level expression of cytochrome P450s in *E. coli*. Both constructs carry the modified stop sequence of TAA T to increase translational stop efficiency (Tate et al, Biochem. 31, 2443-2450, 1992).

The activity of CYP79B2 is measured by reconstituting spheroplasts from *E. coli* expressing CYP79B2 with purified NADPH:cytochrome P450 reductase from *Sorghum bicolor* (L.) Moench. The *S. bicolor* NADPH:cytochrome P450 reductase is purified as described by Sibbesen et al, J. Biol. Chem. 270: 3506-3511, 1995. The reaction is started by addition of 5 μ l of *E. coli* spheroplasts to a 45 μ l reaction mixture containing 100 mM Tricine pH 7.9, 10 μ g/ μ l DLPC (dilaurylphosphatidylcholine) sonicated for 2x 10 seconds, 4 mM NADPH, 3 mM reduced glutathione (GSH), 5 μ l [3- 14 C]tryptophan (0.1 μ Ci, specific activity 56.5 mCi/mmol) and 1 U/ μ l purified NADPH:cytochrome P450 reductase. The reaction is incubated at 34°C for 30 minutes, extracted two times with ethyl acetate and the ethyl acetate phase is analyzed by TLC using toluen:ethyl acetate 5:1 as eluent. Radiolabelled bands are visualized on a Storm 840 phosphorimager (Molecular Dynamics) and quantified with ImageQuant analysis software (Molecular Dynamics). Substrate specificity is investigated by substituting the 14 C-labelled tryptophan with 14 C-labelled tyrosine or phenylalanine.

is determined to be 21 μM and V_{max} is determined to be 97.2 pmol/h/ μl spheroplast. No oxime producing activity is detected when radiolabelled phenylalanine or tyrosine are administered to reaction mixtures containing recombinant CYP79B2. This indicates that CYP79B2 is specific for tryptophan.

CO-difference spectra of spheroplasts or of the rich phase of a Triton X-114 temperature-induced phase partitioning from the spheroplasts does not show a characteristic peak at 450 nm. Furthermore, when spheroplasts or the Triton X-114 rich phase thereof are separated on an SDS-polyacrylamide gel and stained with Coomassie Brilliant Blue a new band of approximately 60kD is visible. This indicates that very little recombinant CYP79B2 is produced and that CYP79B2 is highly active.

Plasma membrane enzyme systems in Chinese cabbage and Arabidopsis have previously been shown to catalyze the formation of IAOX from tryptophan via a peroxidase-like enzyme (TrpOxE). The conversion is stimulated by H_2O_2 and in certain cases by MnCl_2 and 2,4-dichlorophenol. Addition of 100 mM H_2O_2 , 1 mM MnCl_2 or 800 μM 2,4-dichlorophenol to the CYP79B2 reconstitution assays inhibits the activity by 96%, 34% and 72%, respectively, and by 99% when combined. This shows that the two systems are not identical and that the TrpOxE activity is clearly distinct from CYP79B2. Moreover, a non-enzymatic reaction mixture containing 100 mM H_2O_2 , 1 mM MnCl_2 and 800 μM 2,4-dichlorophenol in 50 mM Tricine buffer, pH 8.0 is able to catalyze the conversion of tryptophan to a compound co-migrating with IAOX at a conversion rate of approximately 0.7% of that seen for CYP79B2. This indicates that non-enzymatic conversion of tryptophan to IAOX can occur under oxidative conditions.

Example 21 - Sense and antisense expression of CYP79B2 in Arabidopsis thaliana

CYP79B2 cDNA is cloned in sense and antisense direction behind the cauliflower mosaic virus 35S (CaMV35S) promoter using the primers CYP79B2.2, B2SB, B2AF, and B2AB. The native full-length CYP79B2 cDNA is amplified by PCR using the primer pair CYP79B2.2 / B2SB (sense construct) and B2AF / B2AB (antisense construct). The PCR product for the sense construct is cloned into *EcoR* I/*Xba* I digested pRT101 (Töpfer et al, Nucleic Acid Res 15: 5890, 1987) and sequenced. The PCR product for the antisense construct is cloned into *EcoR* I/*Xho* I digested pBluescript (Stratagene), excised by digestion with *EcoR* I and *Kpn* I, and ligated into *EcoR* I/*Kpn* I digested pRT101 and sequenced. The sense and antisense expression cassettes are excised from pRT101 by *Pst* I digestion and

tyrosine to *p*-hydroxyphenylacetaldoxime, resulted in dwarfed plants with high content of the tyrosine-derived *p*-hydroxybenzylglucosinolate. The *p*-hydroxyphenylacetaldoxime produced by CYP79A1 was very efficiently channelled into *p*-hydroxybenzylglucosinolate. A similar efficient channelling of IAOX into indoleglucosinolates might also occur in the Arabidopsis overexpressing CYP79B2. However, it cannot be excluded that the dwarf phenotype is due to increased levels of IAA produced from IAOX, or from indole-3-acetonitrile generated from degradation of the increased level of indoleglucosinolates.

HPLC analyses of glucosinolate profiles of the T₁ generation of transgenic Arabidopsis shows that plants overexpressing CYP79B2 accumulate higher quantities of indoleglucosinolates than control plants transformed with empty vector. The levels of the two most abundant indoleglucosinolates glucobrassicin and 4-methoxyglucobrassicin are increased by approximately five fold and two-fold, respectively, whereas the level of neoglucobrassicin is not increased significantly. The total glucosinolate content is increased due to the higher levels of indoleglucosinolates, but the levels of aliphatic and aromatic (i.e. non-indole-) glucosinolates are not affected. In the antisense plants the level of indoleglucosinolates is not reduced compared to control plants. A possible explanation is that the antisense constructs used provide an insufficient means of downregulating CYP79B2. Alternatively, CYP79B3, which based on homology is likely to catalyze the same reaction, compensate the downregulation of indoleglucosinolates.

Example 22 - Expression analysis of CYP79B2 by histochemical GUS assay

Using the DIG system (Boehringer) an Arabidopsis ecotype Columbia EMBL3 genomic library is screened with a 505 bp Digoxigenin-11-dUTP labelled probe annealing to the 5' end of the CYP79B2 gene. Hybridization of the probe is done at 65°C in 5x SSC, 0.1% N-lauroylsarcosine, 0.02% SDS, and 1% blocking reagent. Filters are washed in 0.1x SSC, 0.1% SDS at 65°C prior to detection. Phage DNA from the positive phages is purified as described by Grossberger, Nucleic Acid Res. 15: 6737, 1987. A 5 kb EcoR I fragment, containing the whole CYP79B2 coding region and 2361 bp of the promoter region (see nucleotides 60536 to 62896 of GenBank Accession No. AL035708, SEQ ID NO: 16), is subcloned into pBluescript II SK (Stratagene). An *Xba* I restriction site is introduced by PCR immediately downstream of the CYP79B2 start codon using the T7 vector primer and the *Xba* I primer (Example 17). The PCR reaction contains 200 µM dNTPs, 400 pmol of each primer, 0.1 µg template DNA and 10 units *Pwo* polymerase in a total volume of 200 µl in *Pwo* polymerase PCR buffer with 2 mM MgSO₄ (Boehringer Mannheim).

primer 5 ..5' -AAAGCTCAATGCGTAGAAT-3' (SEQ ID NO: 7),

primer 6 ..5' -TTTTTAGACACCATCTTGTTTTCTTCTTC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 8),

primer 7 ..5' -TGTAGCGGCGCATTAAGC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 9),

primer 8 ..5' -CAAAAGAATAGACCGAGATAGGG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 10),

Example 24 - **CYP79F1 *E. coli* expression constructs**

CYP79F1 is one of several CYP79 homologues identified in the genome of *A. thaliana*. The deduced amino acid sequence of CYP79F1 has 88% identity with the deduced amino acid sequence of CYP79F2 and 43-50% identity with other CYP79 homologues from glucosinolate and cyanogenic glucoside containing species. CYP79F1 and CYP79F2 are located on the same chromosome, only separated by 1638 bp. This suggests that the two genes have been formed by gene duplication and might catalyze similar reactions. The expression construct is derived from the EST ATTS5112 (Arabidopsis Biological Resource Center, Ohio, USA) which contains the full length sequence of CYP79F1. The CYP79F1 coding region is amplified from the EST by PCR using primer 1 (sense direction) and primer 2 (antisense direction). Primer 1 introduces an *Xba*I site upstream of the start codon and an *Nde*I restriction site at the start codon. To optimize the construct for *E. coli* expression (Barnes et al, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 88: 5597-5601, 1991) primer 1 changes the second codon from ATG to GCT and introduces a silent mutation in codon 5. Primer 2 introduces a *Bam*HI restriction site immediately after the stop codon. The PCR reaction is set up in a total volume of 50 µl in *Pwo* polymerase PCR buffer with 2 mM MgSO₄ using 2.5 units *Pwo* polymerase (Roche Molecular Biochemicals), 0.1 µg template DNA, 200 µM dNTPs and 50 pmol of each primer. After incubation of the reaction at 94°C for 5 min, 20 PCR cycles of 15 sec at 94°C, 30 sec at 58°C, and 2 min at 72°C are run. The PCR fragment is digested with *Xba*I and *Bam*HI, and ligated into the *Xba*I/*Bam*HI digested vector pBluescript II SK (Stratagene). The cDNA is sequenced on an ALF-Express (Pharmacia) using the Thermo Sequence Fluorescent-labelled Primer cycle sequencing kit (7-deaza dGTP) (Pharmacia) to exclude PCR errors and transferred from pBluescript II SK to an *Nde*I/*Bam*HI digested pSP19g10L expression vector (Barnes et al, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 88: 5597-5601, 1991).

potential substrates. After incubation at 28°C for 1 hour, half of the reaction mixture is analyzed by TLC on Silica Gel 60 F₂₅₄ sheets (Merck) using toluene/ethyl acetate 5:1 (v/v) as eluent. Radiolabelled bands are visualized and quantified using a STORM 840 phosphorimager (Pharmacia). For GC-MS analysis, 450 µl reaction mixture containing 3.3 mM L-methionine (Sigma), 3.3 mM DL-dihomomethionine or 3.3 mM DL-trihomomethionine, respectively, are incubated for 4 hours at 25°C and extracted with a total volume of 600 µl CHCl₃. The organic phase is collected, evaporated, and the residue is dissolved in 15 µl CHCl₃ and analyzed by GC-MS. GC-MS analysis is performed on an HP5890 Series II gas chromatograph directly coupled to a Jeol JMS-AX505W mass spectrometer. An SGE column (BPX5, 25 m x 0.25 mm, 0.25 µm film thickness) is used (heat pressure 100 kPa, splitless injection). The oven temperature program is as follows: 80°C for 3 minutes, 80°C to 180°C at 5°C min⁻¹, 180°C to 300°C at 20°C min⁻¹, and 300°C for 10 min. The ion source is run in EI mode (70 eV) at 200°C. The retention times of the *E*- and *Z*-isomer of 5-methylthiopentanaldoxime are 14.3 min and 14.8 min, respectively. The two isomers have identical fragmentation patterns with *m/z* values of 130, 129, 113, 82, 61 and 55 as the most prominent peaks. The retention times of the *E*- and *Z*-isomer of 6-methylthiopentanaldoxime are 17.1 min and 17.6 min, respectively. The two isomers have identical fragmentation patterns with *m/z* values of 144, 143, 98, 96, 69, 61 and 55 as the most prominent peaks. DL-dihomomethionine, DL-trihomomethionine, 5-methylthiopentanaldoxime and 6-methylthiohexanaldoxime are synthesized as described (Dawson et al, J. Biol. Chem. 268: 27154-27159, 1993) and authenticated by NMR spectroscopy.

A CO difference spectrum with the characteristic peak at 450 nm is obtained for CYP79F1 expressed in *E. coli* strain C43(DE3), but not for CYP79F1 expressed in *E. coli* strain JM109. In addition to the peak at 450 nm, a peak at 418 nm is detected.

To identify substrates of CYP79F1, activity measurements are carried out using spheroplasts of *E. coli* C43(DE3) reconstituted with NADPH:cytochrome P450 reductase from *S. bicolor*. When the reaction mixture containing CYP79F1 is incubated with DL-dihomomethionine, two compounds, which are not present in the control reactions, are detected by GC-MS. The retention times and the mass spectral fragmentation patterns of these compounds are identical with those for the *E/Z*-isomers of synthetic 5-methylthiopentanaldoxime. When DL-trihomomethionine is administered to the reaction mixture containing CYP79F1, two compounds with retention times and fragmentation

normal appearance within the first seven weeks of growth. Before floral transition becomes apparent, reduced apical dominance results in production of multiple axillary shoots which later developed into lateral inflorescences. These morphological changes give S5, S7 and S9 a bushy phenotype. In addition, S5 has curly rosette leaves with the leaf tips bending downwards.

Transgenic *A. thaliana* plants with altered content of aliphatic glucosinolates due to co-suppression or over-expression of CYP79F1 possess a characteristic morphological phenotype characterized by prolonged vegetative growth and production of multiple axillary shoots. *A. thaliana* has been reported to be able to tolerate overexpression of cytochromes P450 of the CYP79 family leading to a two to five fold increase in glucosinolate content without similar changes in the appearance of the plants. Therefore it seems unlikely that the morphological changes result from the presence or absence of specific glucosinolates. A possible explanation is that the morphological phenotype is due to a pleiotropic effect caused by disturbance of the plant's sulfur metabolism, in which methionine plays a central role. Alterations of the methionine metabolism may explain why both plants with co-suppression and overexpression of CYP79F1 show similar morphological changes when compared to wild-type plants. The onset of the morphological changes in CYP79F1 co-suppressed plants at the time of floral transition may be due to the requirement for methionine to support flower development. Alternatively, it coincides with an increase in the level of CYP79F1 expression in wild-type plants.

HPLC analysis of the glucosinolate content of plant extracts

Six to eight rosette leaves from each plant are harvested from nine 9-week-old primary transformants of 35S:CYP79F1 plants and ten 7-week-old wild-type plants of the same size. The tissue is immediately frozen in liquid nitrogen and freeze-dried for 48 hours.

Glucosinolates are analyzed as desulfoglucosinolates as follows: 3.5 ml of boiling 70% (v/v) methanol are added to 9 to 20 mg freeze-dried material, 10 μ L internal standard (5 mM *p*-hydroxybenzylglucosinolate; Bioraf, Denmark) are added, and the sample is incubated in a boiling water bath for 4 min. Plant material is pelleted, the pellet is re-extracted with 3.5 ml 70% (v/v) methanol and centrifuged. The supernatants are pooled and analyzed by HPLC after sulfatase treatment as described by Wittstock et al, J. Biol. Chem. 275, 14659-14666, 2000. The assignment of peaks is based on retention times and UV spectra compared to standard compounds. Glucosinolates are quantified in relation to the internal standard and by use of response factors (Haughn et al, Plant Physiol. 97: 217-226, 1991; Buchner in:

As the dihomomethionine-derived glucosinolates are the major glucosinolates of wild-type rosette leaves, altered levels of these glucosinolates influence the total glucosinolate content remarkably. This is particularly pronounced in the plants with CYP79F1 co-suppression. These plants have a total glucosinolate content ranging from 4.3 to 4.8 $\mu\text{mol (g dw)}^{-1}$ as compared to the total glucosinolate content of wild-type plants ranging from 8.8 to 17.4 $\mu\text{mol (g dw)}^{-1}$. In addition to the changes in the content of 4-methylsulfinylbutylglucosinolate and 4-methylthiobutyl-glucosinolate, alterations in the level of other glucosinolates, particularly of Methionine-derived glucosinolates, are observed in 35S:CYP79F1 plants. Plants with a reduced content of 4-methylsulfinylbutylglucosinolate and 4-methylthiobutylglucosinolate also have reduced levels of the other major glucosinolates derived from chain-elongated methionine homologues, i.e. 3-methylsulfinylpropylglucosinolate and 8-methylsulfinyloctylglucosinolate. This might be explained by co-suppression not only of the CYP79F1 transcript but also of transcripts of other CYP79 homologues involved in the biosynthesis of aliphatic glucosinolates such as transcripts of CYP79F2 which has 88% amino acid identity with CYP79F1. Alternatively, it might reflect that CYP79F1 has a broad substrate specificity for chain-elongated methionines. The fact that chain-elongated methionines accumulate in plants with CYP79F1 co-suppression indicates that the enzymes catalyzing the chain elongation of methionine are not subject to feedback inhibition by the chain-elongated product. The content of the three indoleglucosinolates is not affected significantly.

Analysis of the amino acid content of plant extracts

Rosette leaves from three 12-week-old primary transformants of 35S:CYP79F1 plants and three 8-week-old wild-type plants of the same size are used. 250 mg of leaf material from each plant are homogenized in 3 ml 50 mM KPi , pH 7.5 using a Polytron homogenizer. The plant material is pelleted (20000g for 10 minutes) and re-extracted twice with 3 ml 50 mM KPi , pH 7.5. The water phases are combined, dried *in vacuo*, and the residue is dissolved in 100 μl water. An aliquot of the redissolved extract is treated with 1/10 volume 30% salicylic sulfonic acid and denatured proteins are removed by centrifugation. The supernatant is neutralized with 1/10 volume 1 N NaOH. The individual protein amino acids in the sample are identified and quantified using an Ultropac 8 Resin Reverse Phase HPLC column (200 x 4.6 mm) on a Biochrom 20 amino acid analyzer (Pharmacia) essentially according to the manufacturer's elution program.

μM rNTPs, 10 mM DTT, 100 units RNasin Ribonuclease inhibitor (Promega), 3 μg linearized pBluescript II SK, and 50 units T3 RNA polymerase (Promega). After incubation at 37°C for 2 hours, 20 units of RNase-free DNase are added, and the reaction is incubated at 37°C for another 1 hour. Following extraction with phenol and CHCl₃ and precipitation with ethanol, the RNA is dissolved in diethylpyrocarbonate-treated water.

The following tissues are harvested from *A. thaliana*:

- (1) total plant tissue of 4-week-old plants (grown at 8 hours light/ 16 hours dark);
- (2) rosette leaves (without petioles) and
- (3) above ground parts of 5-week-old plants (before onset of floral transition; grown at 8 hours light/ 16 hours dark);
- (4) rosette leaves (without petioles) and
- (5) cauline leaves of flowering plants (9 weeks old; grown at 12 hours light/ 12 hours dark to induce flowering).

Total RNA is isolated from said tissue using TRIZOL-Reagent (GIBCO BRL). The RNA is quantified spectrophotometrically and used to synthesize first-strand cDNA. To ensure linearity of the RT-PCR, first-strand cDNA synthesis is performed on 1 μg, 0.3 μg and 0.1 μg of each pool of RNA. The cDNA is synthesized in First Strand Buffer (GIBCO BRL) supplemented with 0.5 mM dNTPs, 10 mM DTT, 200 ng random hexamers (Pharmacia), 3 pg control RNA (internal standard), and 200 units SUPERScriptII Reverse transcriptase (GIBCO BRL) in a total volume of 20 μl. The reaction mixture is incubated at 27°C for 10 minutes followed by incubation at 42°C for 50 minutes and inactivation at 95°C for 5 minutes. The RT-reactions are purified by means of a PCR-purification kit (QIAGEN; elution with 50 μl of 1 mM Tris-buffer, pH 8). 2 μl of the purified RT-reactions are subjected to PCR. The PCR reactions are set up in a total volume of 50 μl in PCR buffer (GIBCO BRL) supplemented with 200 μM dNTPs, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 50 pmol of sense primer, 50 pmol of antisense primer, and 2.5 units Platinum *Taq* DNA polymerase (GIBCO BRL). The PCR program is as follows: 2 minutes at 94°C, 32 cycles of 30 seconds at 94°C, 30 seconds at 57°C, 50 seconds at 72°C. 10 μl of the PCR reactions are analyzed by gel electrophoresis on 1% agarose gels. Bands are visualized by ethidium bromide staining and quantified on a Gel Doc 2000 Transilluminator (Biorad). The primers used to analyze the CYP79F1 transcript are primer 5 (sense direction) and primer 6 (antisense direction). At 57°C primer 5 does not anneal to genomic DNA comprising the CYP79F1 gene as the sequence of primer 5 is complementary to the sequences flanking an 111 bp intron of the CYP79F1

What is claimed is:

1. A DNA coding for a P450 monooxygenase converting an aliphatic or aromatic amino acid or chain-elongated methionine homologue to the corresponding oxime.
2. The DNA of claim 1 converting L-Valine or L-Isoleucine to the corresponding oxime; tyrosine to *p*-hydroxyphenylacetaldoxime; L-phenylalanine to phenylacetaldoxime; tryptophan to indole-3-acetaldoxime; or chain-elongated methionine to the corresponding oxime.
3. The DNA of claim 1 coding for a P450 monooxygenase consisting of amino acid residues independently selected from the group of the amino acid residues Gly, Ala, Val, Leu, Ile, Phe, Pro, Ser, Thr, Cys, Met, Trp, Tyr, Asn, Gln, Asp, Glu, Lys, Arg and His, wherein global alignment of the amino acid sequence of the encoded protein shows at least 40% identity to the amino acid sequence resulting from the global alignment with SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3 or both; SEQ ID NO: 39; or SEQ ID NO: 54 or SEQ ID NO: 70 or both; or at least 50% identity to the amino acid sequence resulting from the global alignment with SEQ ID NO: 9 or SEQ ID NO: 11 or both or SEQ ID NO: 74 or SEQ ID NO: 84 or both.
4. The DNA of claim 1, wherein an open reading frame is operably linked to one or more regulatory sequences different from the regulatory sequences associated with the genomic gene containing the exons of the open reading frame.
5. The DNA of claims 1 to 4 coding for a P450 monooxygenase having the formula R_1 - R_2 - R_3 , wherein
 - R_1 , R_2 and R_3 designate component sequences, and
 - R_2 consists of 150 to 175 or more amino acid residues the sequence of which is at least 60% to 65% identical to an aligned component sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3; SEQ ID NO: 9 or SEQ ID NO: 11; SEQ ID NO: 39; SEQ ID NO: 54 or SEQ ID NO: 70; or SEQ ID NO: 74 or SEQ ID NO: 84.
6. The DNA of claim 1, wherein the amino acid sequence of R_2 is represented by amino acids 334-484 of SEQ ID NO: 1 or amino acids 333-483 of SEQ ID NO: 3; amino acids 339-489 of SEQ ID NO: 9 or amino acids 332-482 of SEQ ID NO: 11; amino acids 308-487 of SEQ ID NO: 39; amino acids 196-345 of SEQ ID NO: 54 or amino acids 192-341 of SEQ ID NO: 70; amino acids 334-483 of SEQ ID NO: 74 or amino acids 332-481 of SEQ ID NO: 84.

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- (f) optionally further processing the purified DNA.
13. A marker assisted breeding method selecting plants with a desired trait using hybridization with one or more oligonucleotides, wherein the sequence of at least one of said oligonucleotides constitutes a component sequence of the DNA of claim 1.
 14. A method for producing purified recombinant P450 monooxygenase converting an aliphatic or aromatic amino acid or chain-elongated methionine homologue to the corresponding oxime, comprising expression of a corresponding gene in *P. pastoris*.
 15. A method for obtaining a transgenic plant, comprising
 - (a) stably integrating into a plant cell or tissue which can be regenerated to a complete plant DNA comprising at least part of an open reading frame of a P450 monooxygenase converting an aliphatic or aromatic amino acid or chain-elongated methionine homologue to the corresponding oxime, and
 - (b) selecting transgenic plants.
 16. The method of claim 15 resulting in transgenic expression of a P450 monooxygenase in a plant.
 17. The method of claim 15 resulting in the reduced expression of an endogenous P450 monooxygenase in a plant.
 18. The method of claim 15 resulting in an altered content or profile of cyanogenic glucosides or glucosinolates.

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